FY 2014 IDEA Budgets due Friday, August 2

Due to the lateness of the budget software opening, the due date for the flow-through and preschool budget submissions will be Friday, Aug. 2, 2013. In a normal year, the budgets and assurances are due July 1. Understandably, there may be issues meeting this deadline. However, as a reminder, there is <u>no</u> requirement to have the district's entire allocation budgeted prior to submission (not even a percentage). The only districts that are required to have any amount of budget completed prior to submission are districts that have been identified as having significant disproportionality and must budget 15% of their allocation for coordinated early intervening services. If there is a reason why the August 2 deadline cannot be met (for instance, the budget coordinator is on vacation until August 10), please e-mail the Special Education consultant assigned to your district (http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/sped_sepcontact) and provide a date by which the budgets will be submitted.

FY 2014 IDEA Assurances - Due Date Not Yet Assigned

The following is still being developed. Information will be sent out when the system is in production:

IDEA assurances will be accepted using a "digital signature" process. There will no longer be a need to print a paper copy, sign it, and load it back into the software. The district will receive a user name and password which represents the role of district administrator. The district administrator will sign into the software, review and sign off on the assurance sections electronically. This will be recorded as the district's acceptance of the IDEA requirements regarding the district's eligibility and use of federal funds.

Other Due Dates

July 15, 2013 – Final Amendments for FY 2013 (This has become a flexible date due to the complications that arise from meeting MOE compliance)

September 30, 2013 – Final Claims for FY 2013 (reminder – these must still be printed, signed, and sent to Mark Magnuson at mark.magnuson@dpi.wi.gov)

Budget Contacts

Each district is assigned a consultant on the Special Education team to review budget submissions and answer general fiscal questions. Contact information for your district can be found by selecting the "District Contact" hyperlink on the budget main menu page. Your consultant's name, e-mail and phone will be located at the top of this page.

Updated Technical Assistance

IDEA Entitlement Claim Submission - http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/files/sped/pdf/idea-claim-process.pdf

The claim portion of the software has been updated to accommodate claiming indirect on every claim submission. The document has been updated to reflect the new screens. There is also a new section on the 10% flexibility rule (page 4)

Tips and Tricks for FY 2014 Budgets - http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/files/sped/pdf/fy14-budget-tips.pdf
Updated with information on due dates, switching between fiscal years, budget activation, adding budget contacts, and carryover.

Adding Users to the Special Education Web Portal - http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/files/sped/pdf/creating-district-users.pdf
Updated to reflect the new budget screens and added a video tutorial.

Indirect Cost Recovery

Indirect cost recovery is now available for FY 2013 and the new year. We have attempted to make the software user intuitive. Technical assistance should be available during the week of July 15th.